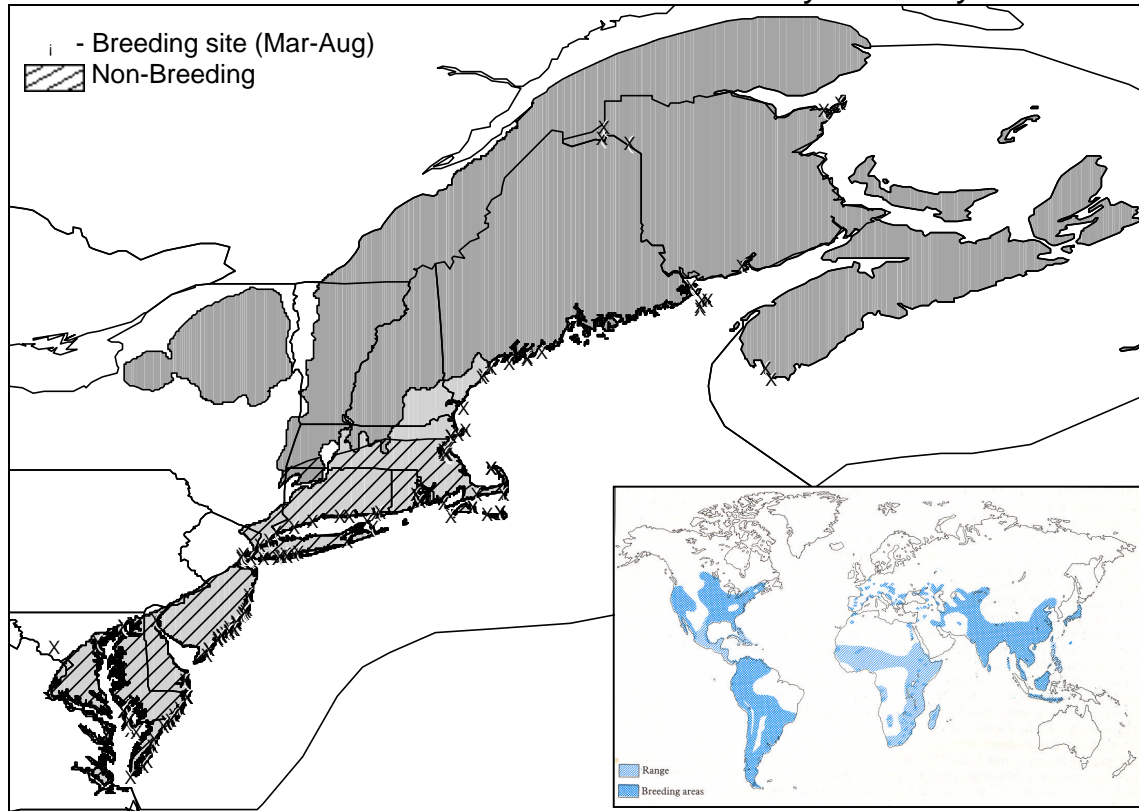


BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON

Nycticorax nycticorax hoactli



Regional Occurrence (BCRs 14, 30)

- Distribution: breeds in region; winters in BCR 30
- Habitats used: marshes, swamps, ponds, lakes, and mangroves; breeds in trees in wooded areas near water

NAWCP BD=2; NAWCP ND=3

Regional Abundance

- 1990s population: US—9,718 (99 colonies); CAN—2,250
- 1970s population: US—19,160 (103 colonies)
- 49.2% decrease in regional population

NAWCP PS=3; NAWCP PT=4

Regional Threats

- Degradation/destruction of nesting and foraging areas
- Human disturbance can inhibit egg laying and may increase nest abandonment, egg predation and nestling mortality
- Mammalian predation
- Vulnerable to contaminants

NAWCP TB=3; NAWCP TN=3

Conservation Status: Abundance (b=breeding, nb=nonbreeding, t=total individuals) and Conservation Rank

Global	North America	BCR 14	BCR 30	Mid-Atlantic	S. New England	Gulf of Maine	Maritimes
391,300 – 1,160,500t	>50,000b	2,319b	9,649b	3,186b	4,476b	2,056b	2,250b
IUCN- Not Evaluated	NAWCP- Moderate Concern (PI=13-38%)	Moderate (PI=5%)	Moderate (PI=19%)	NJ- S3B, S4N; DE- S1B MD-S3B, S2N; VA- S2S3B, S4N	NY- S3; CT-S2B, SZN RI- S2B, SZN; MA-S2; VT-S1B, S2N	MA-S2; NH-SHB, SZN ME-S2B; NB- S2B; NS- S1B	QC- S4; NB- S2B PE- no info; NS- S1B

Conservation Needs: *Sustainability:* 2.0-2.1 young / breeding pair; *Foraging Habitat:* may fly up to 24 km; shallow, weedy pond margins, creeks, marshes; along coasts marshes, mudflats, tidal creeks, ditches, pilings, boat riggings; grassy salt marsh most important foraging area; wide variety of wetland habitats in breeding and non-breeding; *Issues:* Dredged material islands have become widely used by nesting wading birds and should be implemented in areas of decreasing populations; *Needs:* monitor, manage negative impacts with other species; *Population Goals:* restore (increase), target 16,000-19,600b; *Habitat Goals:*